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News Briefs

Softball Tournament

Tapper's Troopers, primarily of Bennett Hall, took first place in the Annual Gallagher Softball Tournament that was held on April 4th and 5th. The Gallagher Gators took second place.

Early Orientation

Admissions' Early Freshman Orientation Day will be held on Saturday, April 18th.

Awards Banquet

The Academic Awards Banquet will be held in the ballroom on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 pm.

Get Ready for Little 500

The Annual Little 500 Race will be held on Saturday, April 25th. Practice will be held Friday afternoon.

Recital Series

The Faculty Fine Arts Committee will continue its recital series on Sunday, April 19th with a concert at 2:30 pm in the Chapel.



Earth Day

Earth Day will be Wednesday, April 22nd. Walk to Class!

Rape Advocacy Group Battles Lack of Awareness on Campus

by Becky Johnson

St. Joseph's now has a Rape Advocacy Group to handle incidents that occur on campus. The group's goal is to make all Pumas aware of the realities of rape, get a rape policy in the handbook, and to try to set up something for freshman orientation that has to do with rape and those types of issues, according to April Johnson who is helping to organize the group.

"Rape is a real thing. By educating yourself on these types of issues, you will not only be doing yourself a favor, but also your family or friends that might come to you in the future with a problem of this nature. Your words have the power to either start the healing process for the survivor, or to cut deeper into the wound already in place," stated St. Joseph's Senior April Johnson.

Johnson commented, "With support from the students, clergy, and the administration, I hope to portray a very positive model of concern and actual Christian Humanism. We are very concerned with each and every person on

this campus and want everything to be in place if a rape were to occur, or on a more positive note, educate people so that the likelihood of this happening is reduced tremendously."

Awareness is the key objective for the group. Johnson says that she is very

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pleased in the response that the group has received so far. The Office of Safety and Security has also been involved in the project by making officers aware of these situations. The office has also helped with security issues for the policy that is being written concerning rapes on campus.

According to Johnson, statistics tell us one in six women is raped at least once in her lifetime. The group is trying to help the community realize that rape is real, and it will be or already is a part of

almost every person's life.

A panel discussion on the subject of rape, protecting yourself, date rape, drugs, what goes on in the rape kit at the hospital, and what to do if you are raped was held on March 24th.

On April 1st, a Rape Advocate certification session was held on campus. This session covered and taught participants the stages that survivors go through after they have been assaulted, legal proceedings, and offered further information about the rape kit.

Student Association President Mike Nichols commented, "As for awareness on campus, the issue of rape is very rarely discussed, and from that I think it is fair to assume that awareness is pretty low. The great service that the Rape Advocacy group has done is to bring this issue out in the open and make the community deal with it."

"I really think that it was because of the persistence of the Senior girls and their concern for younger girls that this group was started. It is great to see such
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SJC Faculty and Student Take Part in Amphibians Conference

by Julia Garcia

On March 20 and 21, Dr. Robert Brodman of the Biology Department and Jeanette Jaskula, a junior, attended the 1998 Midwest Declining Amphibians Conference held in Milwaukee. Jaskula presented the research she had conducted on campus this past summer. Her research, entitled "Density-dependent effects of microhabitat selection and activity of two species of larval Ambystoma salamanders", discovered that different habitat preferences and activity levels were exhibited by individuals of two

separate species of amphibians when placed together or placed with members of their own species.

Each day of the conference addressed a different problem that was seen in amphibian studies. Of special interest to Brodman was the discussions given on the declining cricket frog populations. "Twenty to fifty years ago, it was the most abundant frog in the Midwest, today it is extinct in Minnesota...and its population has severely declined in Indiana," stated Brodman.

Jaskula claims that much
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Lanoue Honored as Senior of the Year



Julie Lanoue honored as Senior of the Year for 1998.

by Peggy McLeish

Senior Julie Lanoue was honored as Senior of the Year on Friday, April 3 at the annual Senior dinner. Lanoue has been very active in her four years at Saint Joseph's College.

Lanoue was Special

Events Chair for SUB, then became the Director. She is currently the Student Activities Director and will give up two weeks of her summer to complete the position.

Other activities include cheerleading, President of the Education Club and a representative on the Education Board. Lanoue has also been a leader for Kairos and was the Junior Class Vice President.

Lanoue is majoring in Elementary Education and would like to teach younger primary grades.

The paper has your fortune

by DeAnn Hazzard

So far, I have been called old, been informed that I am no spring chicken, and one year closer to collecting social security, and realized that the long anticipated highlight of turning 21 has been replaced by the not so eventful really considered adult age of 22. This was on Monday, April 6, my birthday. And although this birthday was exceptionally fabulous thanks to some very wonderful people, there was something that was forgotten...I forgot to check my horoscope.

Now, for years, well, for as long as I could remember really, by the time I got up in the morning my mom would have already cut out the horoscope section out of the newspaper and plastered it on the fridge for me. The little section that said something like "If today is your birthday," was followed by a detailed description of all the absolutely terrific things that would happen to me and only me on that day.

Well, my mom isn't here,

my fridge is gone, and that accurate piece of literature is missing from my birthday festivities. What is a girl to do? I hit the internet, of course and located the *Chicago Sun-Times* horoscope listing. By now it's around 10pm, my birthday is almost done, and I am going to find out if my horoscope lived up to its reputation.

Anxiously, I waited for the screen to focus. It's clear...my future, well, by now my past, is before my eyes. According to the Sun-Times, the horoscope for Aries for Monday, April 6 read as follows, "No ordinary day. Focus on adventure, variety of sensations. Attention revolves around travel, change, exploration, serious flirtation. Marital status could dominate scenario."

Let's recap. Okay, I admit

that it was no ordinary day. I got presents and a party and some very thoughtful birthday wishes. Score one for Sydney Omarr. Adventure, well, that's definitely stretching it in Rensselaer...but, wait

I did almost get hit while I was leaving work today. That could be a n adventure...my confidence in Sydney is wavering. Next item: "variety of sensations"...well, my nose definitely got its fill of the

country in the springtime...talk about the fresh smell of methane gas, but I doubt if that is what Sydney meant. He's still holding on, though. "Travel, change, exploration, serious flirtation," these are some specific predictions, aren't they? Oh, I can't forget about marital status could dominate

the scenario...what does that mean, anyway? If you are married, aren't you already aware of that in any scenario? And if you're not, does that mean that the question is coming soon?

I'm not knocking horoscopes. For years it was the first and only thing that I would scan the paper for. But, now that I am one year older and so much wiser, horoscopes are definitely not a priority. They're hilarious and helpful in some twisted, vague way. I mean part of that horoscope pertained to me...maybe the other part pertained to some other Aries in some part of the world. And the notion that someone could interpret the stars, see your future and then just tell you about it is pretty fantastic and at times, extremely comforting. But whether or not horoscopes are true, who knows. I guess the only one that really knows is my Psychic friend...perhaps I should give her a call.



Happy Easter! Special Little 500 issue coming soon!

CHEERS & JEERS

*Cheers to Kairos XXIV

*Cheers to birthdays

*Cheers to the Columbian Players production of *Into the Woods*

*Cheers to the softball tournament

*Cheers to spring fever

*Cheers to Little 500

*Cheers to Justin/Bennett Volleyball tournament

*Jeers to getting smacked with a stray ball at the softball tournament

*Jeers to shaving cream

*Jeers to writer's block

*Jeers to saying good-bye

*Jeers to research papers

*Jeers to false predictions

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Rape Advocacy

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interest in a project such as this one. I hope that the efforts of the organization last," commented Fr. Jim Challancin, who is also working with the group.

"I think that a big comparison between physical assaults and rape is that most males do not appreciate this kind of talk or value of the body," stated Challancin. "I also believe that by having this accessible group we have a better, more wholesome campus that makes it easier to deal with these assaults," Challancin further commented.

Rape really happens to people you know, by people you know. Most statistics indicate that between one-third and two-third of all rapes occur in either the victim's home or in some other private residence. Rapes occur at all hours of the day or night. Most studies find that about 50% of all rapists were known, at least slightly, by their victims. The organization has open meetings on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the office of Campus Ministry. All are encouraged to attend and join in the involvement of awareness.

Conference

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of her interest in amphibians was sparked after taking the Amphibian Research course taught by Brodman. The course, which allows students the opportunity to collect data on the relative abundance of amphibians in Jasper County, was started in 1993 by Brodman. Research is expected to continue for another four to six years. Information will be used to help construct a map of Indiana, showing the current abundance and distribution of amphibians.

"The conference gave me... the opportunity to meet other scientists and see what is going on in the scientific world," stated Jaskula. Jaskula will be in southwest Virginia over the summer as part of an internship in which she will be studying red-backed salamanders.

The Career Center wants to know what you are doing after graduation, whether it be a job you have accepted or the graduate school. Just stop by the office on the second floor of Halleck and let us know, or send a quick email.

Successful Alumni to Visit Campus

by Ashley Pierce

The St. Joseph's College Office of Alumni and Parent Relations has planned several events for April. Several prominent alumni will be visiting and speaking around campus.

Joe Dulin, a 1957 graduate, will be returning to campus on April 21 and 22. He will be speaking to select classes and participating in an Education Forum. The Forum will be held at 4:00pm in the Shen Auditorium. Dulin is a 39 year old veteran of public and private schools and is also the founding father of the National Black Catholic Movement. Dulin is also the first African American lay principal of a Catho-

lic school in this Nation.

Also visiting campus on April 22 will be 1965 graduate Norb Krapf. At 7:00 pm Krapf and Seniors Rachel Barlage and Jeremy White will be giving a poetry reading in the Courtney Auditorium. Krapf has written or edited 15 books, 10 of which are his own collections of poetry. Most recently, Krapf has published Blue-Eyed Grass: Poems of Germany.

On Friday, April 25 Matt O'Brien will return to St. Joseph's. O'Brien is a 1992 graduate and is the author of Chameleon and The March Madness Murders. During his visit, he will be talking to select classes and offering a book signing session.

Visits to Africa Planned

by Peggy McLeish

An agreement has been arranged through Saint Gasper College in Morogoro, Tanzania, that will allow students of St. Joseph's to volunteer in the country. St. Gasper College is a C.P.P.S. sponsored seminary. Every other year, beginning in May of 1999, students will volunteer in various missions run by the C.P.P.S. community in Tanzania for a six week program.

In May 1999 the first group of students will travel to volunteer in missions such as orphanages, health clinics, hospitals, schools, and others. The placement of the students will be tailored to their interests and

they will be housed in C.P.P.S. facilities. There will be no limitation regarding class status or prerequisites and credit will be available for those volunteering. Group size will be limited due to difficulties in transportation in Tanzania. An introductory meeting will be held next fall.

The greatest aspect of the opportunity, according to Professor Susan Chattin, the coordinator of the trips, is that the students will have access to the everyday lives of the people of Tanzania and not just be tourists. Chattin also believes it will be a great way for students to put Core and the Christian Humanist ideals into action.



KAIROS XXIV HELD

by Kathy Jarowicz

Once again it is time for Kairos. On April 2nd, 19 participants, 9 leaders, 4 cooks, 1 rector and Bro. Tim Hemm, set off for Kairos XXIV. Kairos is sponsored by Campus Ministry and Bro. Tim Hemm is the advisor. Kairos lasted from April 2nd till the 5th at Bishop Noll in Hammond, Indiana. It is a retreat that anyone can take part in, no matter what religious background a person has.

Kairos is said by many to be the best experience they have had at St. Joseph's. It is a time to get to know some of your other classmates, take time away from school, and get to know yourself and others better. It also provides the time, place, and experience to get closer to your spiritual side or even develop one. The leaders and rector have been preparing for a long time to make this Kairos great, like the ones in the past. It is an unforgettable experience and

one that everyone should take part in at least once. So if you have not gone, check it out in the future because it is an experience like no other.

SCHWEITERMAN OPEN FOR HOUSING

by Amy Chester

Schweiterman will be housing upcoming Seniors and Juniors next year. It is being opened for the purpose of creating more space for women due to past housing problems. In the future, the campus life office hopes to have both Senior and Junior men and women housed there.

In order to be a candidate to house there, one must sign up the same way one would sign up for a private room. Your name will be put on a list to be considered for status by class.

Schweiterman is available to house thirty nine stu-

Senate Update

At their meeting on March 30th, the Student Senate discussed possible proposals for the new Lilly grants that have become available to the College. After going over the options of an admissions building and a revamped library, the senate voted to recommend that the proposal to Lilly concentrate on the construction and improvement of dormitories.

A resolution was also passed that the Senate recommends that as few events as possible be scheduled on the same weekends as Kairos retreats.

On Monday, April 20th comedian Tim Young will be outside Core XI at 8 p.m. On Wednesday, April 22nd the Mr. Puma contest will be held in the Ballroom at 8 p.m.

The S.A. officers and S.A. advisor Peter Watkins will be in Justin Hall from 8-9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8th to answer questions and concerns of the residents of that dorm.

dents in twenty rooms. There is no GPA requirement. It is a form of apartment living which the campus life office hopes will bring students a new form of environment different than those provided in Justin or Halas.

Students who are able to room here will be expected to sign a special contract which lists the rules for this new living environment. There is an additional cost to each student who will live in Schweiterman. The fee is \$600 per semester. That is \$200 more per year than the cost of a private room in Halas or Justin.

Greyhound Does the Driving: One Student's Cross-Country Bus Adventure

by Danielle Adams

My mom told me I must be a glutton for punishment, and my roommate told me I was a masochist. You see, when Spring Break rolled around this year and everyone else booked their flights or oiled up their cars, I set off on the big Greyhound Bus all the way to California.

If you really want to meet the people of America, there is no better place to do it than on the bus.

I don't mind flying and I have a car, but I was up for the adventure this year, and this was the route I chose. I wanted to see the country! I wanted to meet the people of America! I was hungry for an adventure! Oh, and another thing, it was dirt cheap.

Any of you who have "Let Greyhound Do the Driving" know that if it takes you four hours to reach your destination by car, it will take you at least twelve hours by bus. (All rules of Algebra One story problems do not apply in the case of Greyhound.)

It should be expected that you will stop at every laundromat, doughnut shop, truck stop, gas station, and cheesy gift shop along the way to pick up all of those people who are begging to get on.

If your bus driver has a shave of kindness in him or her, you just might get to stop and stretch once in awhile. If your driver happens to smoke, you'll stop every twenty minutes whether you want to or not.

If you really want to meet the people of America, there is no better place to do it than on the bus. I learned from my journey that the longer someone is on the bus, the more talkative they become.

Many people will tell you their life story, making the time pass with the scenery. Others will snore and feel close enough to lay their head on your shoulder. The longer you're on the bus, the closer your Greyhound family becomes.

People will look out for you, make sure you're on the bus after a stop, and even split half of their SPAM sandwich with you. Kindness is everywhere.

It may all sound like peaches and cream. A happy feeling fills you with each passing hour. Oh, by the way, did I mention that my journey took me a total of 106 hours! I saw more of America than I care to share with you.

My traveling bug was cured for years over. I did have a five hour layover in Vegas, where I ordered blueberry pancakes at four in the morning and watched all of the gamblers try their luck with the "one armed bandits."

I saw America's true colors.

I might travel Greyhound again if I see pigs flying over campus. I might suggest the Greyhound to someone who is up for some weird adventures or looking for story ideas to write about or to someone who's just as crazy as myself.

Maybe that's why we're all going to college, so we can afford higher transportation and don't feel the need to punish ourselves on the bus. I do know one thing--I have never gotten back from a break and felt the need for a month long vacation to recover.

It was fun to experience, but hey, I can check that adventure off my list now! So "Go Greyhound. Sit back, let your bottom get numb. Relax and hold your purse tight between your legs, and let us do the driving."

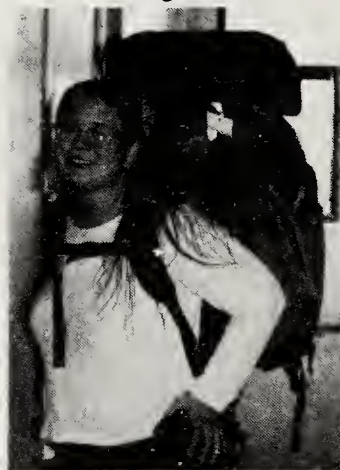


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Danielle Adams strapped on her pack and headed West on Greyhound for Spring Break.



photo by Cindy Stanko

View from the Looney Bin

Rejection Letters
by Heidi Jugovic

You know it has gotten bad when the thought of opening your mailbox makes you sick to your stomach. What if another rejection letter has come? Or worse, what if nothing at all is there, and you get to wait even longer for the fateful letter? How can I handle graduation without knowing where I'm going next???

I think it is cruel. Those brief formal letters come in these skinny envelopes so that you know they are bad news even before you open them. Of course, you open them anyway with some vague hope in your heart that this is the one school that sends out acceptance letters in skinny envelopes just as a gag.

They all have brief expressions of the institution's best wishes for your future. Frankly, an acceptance would have done more for my future than their best wishes.

There is never any explanation of why you've been rejected. Some even say that they will not respond to any inquiries about their reasons for crushing your hopes and dreams through the mail. Others say they welcome inquiries, but they fail to provide a phone number. Reasons, at that point, seem kind of pointless anyway.

Some schools feel it necessary to reject you TWICE. I think that was probably my favorite rejection letter of all. I got one from the psychology department at Georgia saying the department was rejecting

me and advising me that the graduate school would also be sending me a rejection letter. They did.

I guess they wanted to be REALLY REALLY sure that I didn't come there...by mistake or something.

The words they use are so polite. "We cannot recommend your acceptance at this time...Unfortunately positions are limited...We have currently committed all our resources for the coming semester..." Sometimes, politeness stings.

The whole process makes me feel so powerless. I do everything I can possibly do for four years; I send off these pieces of paper that don't even present a shadow of who I am or what I can do; and then I wait...and wait...and wait.

Nothing more I can do. Nothing more in this frightful time when my future seems so fragile. It is in someone else's hands.

The thought can be terrifying...and, in a strange way, comforting. Someone else's hands. If only those hands knew what they were doing!

From my admittedly skewed perspective, I somehow believe that they do. My family has faced many misfortunes, but every one of them, in the end, was a blessing in disguise. Sometimes someone else's hands can guide you when the path is far from clear.

As I wait while the letters come, I am forced to consider the possibility that my plans may not work. I might not get into graduate school. I might not get my wish.

But, as the witch from Into the Woods quips, "Sometimes the things you most wish for are not to be touched."

Maybe this was all meant to be. Maybe this has all happened to free me to truly follow my heart. Maybe it will all work out for the best in the end.

Maybe, maybe, maybe. Meanwhile, I make that trip to the post office every day with a knot in my stomach. I'm half afraid of yet another "no," and, perhaps, a little afraid of a "yes."

Eleven Ways to Spend A Sunny Afternoon (Saint Joe Style)

1. Walk out to Lake Banet with a blanket and a best friend (book, radio optional).
2. Have a picnic in front of the reflecting pond.
3. Ride your bike until you get lost somewhere in the country.
4. Do cartwheels on the I.M. field.
5. Study on the Whispering Wall.
6. Be like the guys at Merlini--Play croquet or golf all day long.
7. Be like the guys at Siefert--Fill up a few kiddie pools and soak in the sunshine.
8. Go for a toodle in your car (or someone else's).
9. Turn up the radio, point the speakers out your window, and lay out.
10. Walk to Busy Bee and try a new flavor of ice cream.
11. Just sit outside and watch the clouds float by.

Saint Joe Dating: Relationships on Campus

He Said:

by Mark Polit

Going on a date at Saint Joseph's College. Hmm, sounds like a dream. First of all, my idea of a date doesn't mean a trip to the local Co-Op, then a romantic stroll down the beautifully illuminated streets of lovely downtown Rensselaer, and to finish the night off; an ice cream cone from Busy Bee.

In order to avoid this situation, we have to go to Merrillville or Lafayette, which, if accompanied by the right date, can be a lot of fun, but it can also be a huge pain. Therefore, we say screw it and decide to drink and hope to meet up with her sometime during the night.

Another drastic problem at

this school is selection. Since the school is so small, you get to know everyone. People fall through your judgement filter. A lot of times, there isn't an abundance of options.

It's nice to go on a date every once in awhile to get away from this place, but who says we need to date? We have our whole lives ahead of us and thousands of people to meet. Why try to force a situation when it doesn't exist?

I think that we spend so much time worrying about who we are gonna meet and when we are gonna settle down that we don't take the opportunity to enjoy what's around us in the present.

by Jeanette Jaskula

Dressed in a white coat, the lab technician peers into his microscope, slowly raises his brow, and later writes:

8:50 am - Spotted Mary leaving Merlini heading for Core lecture.

9:00 am - Here comes Katie back to Halas. I don't think that's her shirt. Since when did she start liking Motley Crue?

Though I'm quite doubtful that many of us are keeping a log of our fellow students' dating activities, don't you feel like a tiny amoeba under the watchful eye of the entire campus?

The sooner two people start spending more time together, the sooner we increase the microscope power. The sooner the microscope power increases, the sooner the Puma Rumors take flight.

Even before a close relationship begins the rumors are swirling and billowing around each of you. "I heard she was at the pond last night until midnight." "She spends a lot of time in his room or so I hear." "Well, I hear they both like Ginger Ale and tube socks."

The rumors diminish as the weeks pass, but the moment our little amoeba friend even remotely hints at mito-

havior of your fellow students. This can be disturbing, but it can also be pretty entertaining and educational.

Let's not forget the religious nature of Core XI. Fr. Tim and Brother Hugh are regulars at the bar, and they're always willing to share their wisdom and insights with students in Core XI. There is a great sense of Christian love and camaraderie in the bar. People are always hugging each other.

Most importantly, Core XI

sis the microscope light brightens and the gossip starts again. "I heard she didn't sit by him at dinner." "I heard her eyes looked like puffy water-spouts." "No! I heard she returned his tube socks!"

Though we all keep a watchful eye on our campus couples, this is not the only aspect that permeates the dating scene at SJC. Did you notice that in all my gossip quotations the woman is the focus? "SHE spent the night in his room." "SHE was wearing his shirt."

When I was a freshman, I was told to date a guy from Bennett. Why? Supposedly making that "walk of scrutiny" early in the morning from Bennett gives others the illusion that you are actually coming from breakfast in Halleck.

Why is it this way? Why is it that every time a woman leaves a male dorm she is looked upon with disdain, yet when guys leave our dorms, the crisp morning air greets them with no such stigmas or stereotypes?

Doesn't it take two to make a relationship? I've always felt this way. And if we are going to continue these lab experiments, we have to first realize that the walk of scrutiny is, in fact, a two-way road.

provides a real-life setting in which students are forced to face ethical dilemmas and make decisions based on their system of beliefs. Questions such as: "Do I really need another shot?" or "Should I go home with that guy/girl down the bar?" often puzzle dedicated Core XI students.

Thus, I think it is plain to see that Core XI is the final, practical course that effectively helps students to incorporate Core values into their lives.

Ask Arnie

Dear Arnie,

I have this problem. I'm a second semester senior, and I'm starting to like going to school—even going to Core lectures!

Can you help me? Is this going to make me want to work after I graduate? Will I be shunned the way I am now by my classmates? Will I always want to carry books in a backpack?

Anything you can do to help, I'll appreciate. I'm scared.

Sincerely,

Ken Barbie

Dear Ken,

Relax. It's perfectly natural to start to appreciate something just when you're about to lose it. This doesn't actually mean that you *like* studying. I'm sure you'll get over it a few days after graduation.

Besides, enjoying your classes is definitely not a bad thing. Maybe since you're a senior, you're finally able to take classes that interest you. Better late than never, I say. At any rate, your sudden penchant for studying will be far more helpful to you in these final weeks than many of your classmates' recent (or not-so-recent) onset of senioritis.

Perhaps this interest in productive activity does mean that you'll be more motivated to work once you graduate. Don't worry. A strong work ethic is considered an asset in the real world, and you won't be shunned. Rather, you will most likely be rewarded for your gumption (shameless Core I reference).

And think of it this way—if you find that you still enjoy carrying books in a backpack, you can always travel to a college campus and pose as a graduate student. Maybe you could even offer to tutor a cute young undergrad since you were so scholarly yourself.

Keep studying!

—Arnie

Core XI Provides Students With Valuable Lessons

by Rachel Barlage

The Core program has infused all of us with many important values and unforgettable experiences. As I near the end of my senior year, I am beginning to think that Core XI has been one of the most beneficial segments of the Core curriculum.

You think I'm kidding, right? But think about it. Core is by its very nature interdisciplinary, and Core XI offers hands on experience with ethics, group work, and observations and reflections about human nature.

What could possibly be a more eloquent example of group work than a couple slow dancing on the sticky, crowded dance floor? Further examples of this essential element of Core are taking shots with friends and competing on a dart team together.

Dancing and darts are also

examples of the athletic nature of Core XI, along with the "12-ounce curls" that one student mentioned when I began talking about my ideas.

Core XI offers an environment that encourages discussion and the active exchange of ideas. These conversations offer students a chance to express their ideas and keep an open mind about the opinions of others. Many discussions are serious talks about important issues in society, and not just the source of Puma Rumors.

Core XI is also experimental, just like Cores 5 and 6. Think about all of the new shots and fun drinks that have been invented by creative partiers.

There are also plenty of opportunities to learn about human nature by sitting

back and observing the be-

The Softball Team Wins at Home

by Sarah Klusek

The Saint Joseph's College softball team has been having their ups and downs. Their first home conference game was Friday, March 27. Angie Moster had the only hit for the Pumas as Sarah VanGorp pitched a one-hitter for Lewis.

In the second game the Pumas were still struggling and lost 13-2. Amy Creager hit a two run double and Candice Layman and Kristy Langen added the other two hits for the team. The Pumas traveled to Bellarmine the weekend of March 28 and 29 to play their first Conference Cluster. Their overall record for the weekend was 1-5, but that does not reflect how the Pumas played.

The first day they went 0-3 but Coach Settle believes the team played really well.

"We had thirty-one hits in three games but we could not get the key hit when we needed it," Settle remarked.

Freshmen Mary Mazurek and Shanna Arnold both had a great game against Bellarmine. Mazurek went 3-

3 and Arnold was 2-3. The Pumas only win came against Kentucky Wesleyan. Sophomore Stacey DeHaven pitched the 3-2 win for the Pumas and also went 2-3 with an RBI in the game. Junior Katie Corrigan went 2-4 and also added an RBI. Senior Sharon Rhyne feels that the team's performance at the Cluster is not a reflection of the team's ability.

"Our record at the Bellarmine Cluster does not reflect the team's potential. We played very well, but made a few mental errors. We could not get the key hits when we needed them," Rhyne stated.

Coach Settle agrees, "Even though we went 1-5 we played like I know we can play," Settle stated.

This past weekend the Pumas hosted the Conference Cluster. The team ended the weekend with a 4-2 record.

In the first game, Rhyne pitched a two hitter against Fort Wayne and had six strike-outs in the 5-0 win.

Coach Settle said that Rhyne has been pitching very well these past couple of weeks.

Sophomore Kristi Flick pitched an eight hitter and picked up the win in the next game against Northern Kentucky. Junior Tammy Witek had a good day on Saturday. In the first game she went 3-3 driving in 4 runs and went 2-3 against Northern Kentucky. Sunday, Flick picked up another win against Fort Wayne, and in the game against Indianapolis Sophomore Jill Lagerhausen pitched her first win of the season with seven strike-outs.

Coach Settle thinks the difference between these two clusters was the team was able to get the two out hits when people were on base to score the runs they needed.

"There has been a drastic attitude change between clusters. The team held a players meeting to work on the things holding them back," Settle said.

Coach Settle also believes that the girls are more comfortable with each other.

"The girls are getting along very well and the roles are defined as to what is expected from each player. They are getting along better both on and off the field," Settle commented.

Coach Settle is happy in the way the team is playing.

"I think they can play better as they mature as a team. The girls are going to have to step up a couple notches to get to where they want to be next year. We are only losing two players to graduation so we will be a more experienced team. This Wednesday is signing day and we have five girls that are planning on signing letters of intent to play next year" Settle stated.

This weekend the Pumas will travel to Lewis on Thursday to play a double header and then stay for a Conference Cluster. They will be ending their conference games this weekend and as of now the team is 5-11 in the conference and 9-21 overall. They are currently 7th in the conference and are in good shape to make the Conference tournament.

On the Green

by Marcy Janjecic

The clubs are once again out of the closet and the guys are swinging away! The men's golf team began their spring season in Lexington, Kentucky at the NCAA Division II District IV Spring Golf Tournament on March 23-24. The tournament was originally scheduled to take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, however, due to snow the tournament was moved to Lexington.

The men finished in 16th place with a total score of 673 on the par 72 Kearney Hills Golf Course. Sophomore Brett Gastineau lead the Pumas with a two day score of 155 (77-78) and finished in 15th place.

Brett reflected that he was pleased with his score and is expecting an excellent season for the golf team.

"I played really well and overall I think that it will be a good season for the guys!" remarked Brett.

George Flick, Jason Rozanski, Clay Scagnoli, and Kevin Knaust also competed for the Pumas.

Due to terrible weather conditions, the men's golf team did not have any time outdoors to practice before their first tournament.

"The guys did not have any preparation time; however, we are looking forward to a great season." Coach Mangas stated.

The men have two more tournaments for the spring. The men participated this past weekend at the Manchester College tournament at Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash.

Track Team Hopes to Make their Dreams become Reality

by Eric Schneider

Summer is just around the corner and the Saint Joseph's Track and Field team is ready to leave the indoor scene. After coming off a successful indoor track season, the team is ready and raring to compete this spring. The team, led by coach Bill Massoels, is looking to impress a lot of people this season.

Junior hurdler Chris Crum has a good outlook on this year.

"Team wise, I think we have gotten stronger over the past year. We've worked hard to get where we are right now. The big thing is we have to im-

prove our marks. That's a goal of everyone on the team," Crum said.

Crum is also impressed with the underclassman effort.

"Our freshman runners have done a lot for the team already. And with more experience under their belts after every meet, they can only get better" Crum commented.

Sophomore Cory Walters also thinks that the Pumas will be the team to beat this season.

"We had a good indoor season with a lot of people placing high in the standings. We are pushing our-

selves everyday, trying to improve on our times. With hard work and dedication, we should reach our expectations," Walters remarked.

A constant goal for the team over the years has always been winning the conference title, and this year is no different.

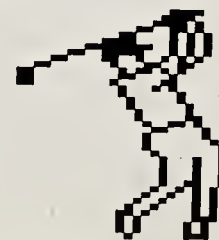
Long distance runner Sophomore Joe Derybowski says that is the most important thing.

"We would really like to win conference. This year it can be done if we have solid performances at our conference meet. Personally, this year I'm looking to improve on my marks and put up some

points for the team," Derybowski said.

With two meets under their belt so far, the Saint Joseph's Track and Field team is looking to go far this year. And with the attitude that the team is showing, their dream of the conference title this year could soon be a reality.

The track team will compete at the Little State at the University of Indianapolis this Saturday. They will end then travel to the University of Indianapolis the weekend of April 17 and 18 to compete in their conference meet.



JASON BECKER: AN INSPIRATION ON THE FIELD

by Erin Breetzke

With a few bumps and bruises, some major surgery, and a lot of determination, Junior Jason Becker has become an integral and important member of the Saint Joseph's College baseball team.

The oldest of two children, Jason's home is in Midlothian, Illinois. Jason is majoring in physical education, and minoring in secondary education. Becker chose Saint Joseph's for several reasons.

"I received a baseball scholarship. I also wanted to go to a four-year school," Jason commented. "I'm happy with my choice," he said.

Not only is Jason happy attending Saint Joseph's, but he has also learned a lot and received a lot from this experience.

"I think I have become a stronger person and have grown close to my friends," he stated. "I've become a strong baseball player and strong in my academics. I've learned to have fun, but not go crazy," he added.

Becoming a strong baseball player is something any Puma sports spectator can see about Jason out on the diamond. He has wanted to play professional ball since the sec-

ond grade. He contributes the success he has had thus far to the influence of one person above all others, his father.

"My dad has been a big influence. 'He sends me a poem or a phrase every week as an inspiration,' Jason explained. 'He helped me overcome my doubts,' he added.

Though he could have played many sports, Jason thinks baseball is the best.

"In high school I played basketball, baseball and golf. I love baseball and the challenge," he commented. "I think it's more challenging than any sport," he added.

By playing baseball here, Jason feels that he has gained from the experience.

"Being on the 1995 championship team is one of the biggest memories I have," he commented. "I think the guys and the friendships are great. I'm also learning and developing technique from raw skills."

Jason has also contributed to the team.

"I think I contribute my personality," he stated. "My attitude toward base-

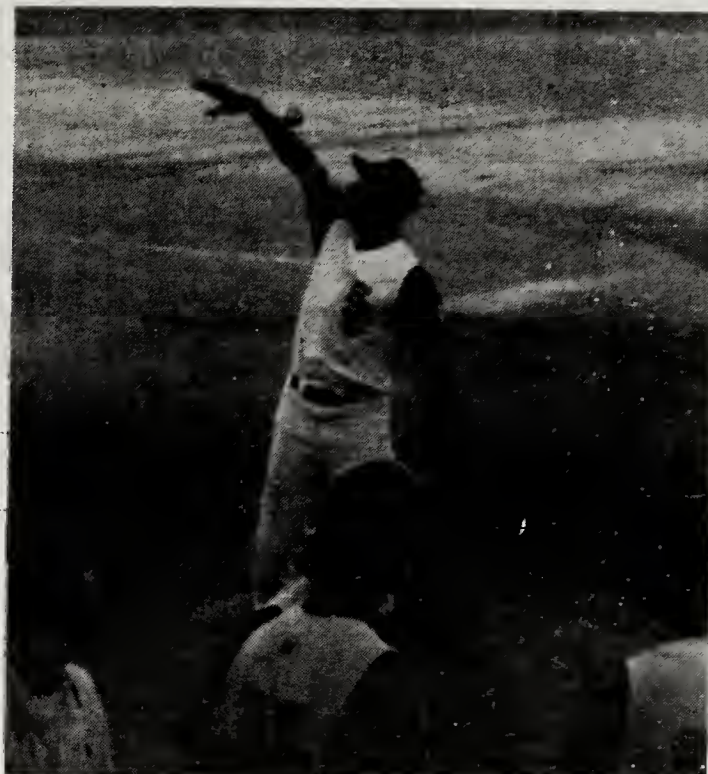


photo by Sarah Grubb

Jason Becker is a key player on the baseball team.

ball is out there fixing problems," he explained.

Fellow teammate, Junior Steve Baranowski thinks Jason is a key to the team's success.

"Jason is a key part of our team, and vital to our success. I do not know many people who work harder, or have a more competitive spirit. His 'win at all cost' attitude sets a great example for the younger guys on the team. If I had to pick my own team, I'd want him on it,"

Baranowski stated.

Part of what makes Jason such a determined athlete are the hardships he has had to face since he has been playing college ball. Originally positioned on the team as a pitcher, and now playing shortstop, an injury at the end of the 1996-1997 season almost ended his college ball-playing career completely.

"The last game of my sophomore year I tore my rotator cuff. It made me have to stop pitching, but it was sort

of a blessing in disguise to play shortstop," he explained. "It taught me not to give up. It showed me there's always a chance."

This was a defining time in his life which Jason thinks opened his eyes to what he has.

"When I had to have reconstructive surgery and was out for about four to six months, it made me realize what I was missing and it made me work harder at school work and become closer with my family," he stated. "I thank God about everything."

Even if Jason was unable to physically play baseball, he would always be part of the sport, even after he graduates.

"I want to help students and coach high school [baseball]," he stated.

Assistant coach Dominic Horgeshimer sees Jason as a strong and determined person.

"Jason is a special athlete. He has spent a great amount of time doing his physical therapy to get back into playing shape," Horgeshimer explained. "[He] not only is a gifted athlete physically, but he has the mental toughness that allows him to compete and excel."



Men's Tennis: Serving it up to Victory

by Kevin Collins

The Saint Joseph's College men's tennis team has been having a bit of a rough time of it this season. The team currently has a record of 3-7 on the season and 2-7 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Although they keep playing very competitively, the tennis team continues to come up just a little bit short of victory.

Head Coach John Barrientos said that the team

is trying not to concentrate on the negatives this season, but instead they are trying to learn from the tough competition and prepare for both upcoming matches and next season.

Some big wins for the team this season have been against Anderson University, Quincy University, and Kentucky Wesleyan College.

The team also has some individuals who will be

solid for them for the rest of the season and also for next season.

Senior, James Blinzinger is a very competitive player and has been a consistent winner for the Pumas. They will miss his presence next season.

Freshman, Mark Grueter has started to come into his role and win for the Pumas. Grueter will be a player to watch this season and if he continues to improve his game then the competition

will inevitably find him hard to deal with.

Junior, Casey Kinnamam is another player on the roster this season who is a consistent winner for Coach Barrientos. Kinnamam will continue to be a strong player for them next year and will undoubtedly be fighting to play in the team's number one position.

Coach Barrientos also said that he is talking to some very strong recruits who would help the team to elevate their

level of play for the 1999 season.

The team plays tennis against some very tough competition in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, but with the Pumas' returning talent and possible recruits, the team could be a contender for the conference title next year.





Yesterdays..

people, places, time
and conversations -
Exchange.

It wasn't real yesterday
but, the day before that
it was... or, maybe it wasn't.

Cheating people in
simple barter,
the soul's economy
has no protections

to help the cheaters.

Bob Dusek

Not Even a World.

I didn't want to go,
but as fashion dictated,
I had no choice other than to
follow the leader.

Where they went, I followed,
'til it was too late to turn and
create my own path.

At some point down the line,
my own ambition failed me
and I had no desire other than
that which was demanded.

In turning back I saw no re-
grets.

In facing forward, I saw no
goals.

I lived only in the present and
knew no better.

My world lacked all sensation
and all meaning.

Our parents sat and talked and
attempted to ascertain
where they went wrong while
we laughed and turned the TV
back on.

Sarah Martin

Cinema and spice

Charlie Chaplin said it best in silent art
Providing the beginning, a simple place to start
Time, a large indicator of what we wish to see
Society leaves its mark in every artist's movie
A girl named holly in the forrest, otherwise wood
The big screen is watched, portrays what others could
Cinema & spice, isn't it nice.

Bill Bell

The Drawing of The Two

Thus defines the Enemy:
One that seeks the destruction of the heart and mind of the pure.

Get my sword, apprentice.
Now the end shall come for Him.

Deliver me my armor, For Death shall claim its final breath.

Prepare my quarters, For I shall return unencumbered.
These trials of the soul need no company.

With dutiful grace I unsheathe my sword.
Edge of pain; sharp with malice.
Destined to strike with heart-filled honor.

Bring to bear my might, For none shall stand opposed.
Death will capture no youthful soul.

The time of the Ancestors is not mine, But it is of Death.
The stars of the night glimmer with opposition
As I breathe my final breath.

Charles Martin

YOU CAN TAKE THIS ONE TO THE BANK!



Donald
Shanahan

Hello again, movie-goers and welcome to another Observer movie review. This week we're going back to the "Roaring 20's" for a little bank robbin' and smooth talkin' with *The Newton Boys*. It's the latest film from Richard Linklater, known for the cult smash *Dazed and Confused*. For this neo-western, Linklater welcomes back two of his former prodigies, Matthew McConaughey (of *Dazed and Confused*) and Ethan Hawke (of *Before Sunrise*).

This movie follows the absolutely true story of four Texan brothers who become the most successful bank robbers in American history. They are the Newtons: Willis (McConaughey), Jess (Hawke), Joe (Scream's Skeet Ulrich), and Dock (Vincent D'Onofrio of *Men in Black*). Together with a quiet know-it-all, played by country music's Dwight Yoakum, they go on to topple over 80 banks from Texas to Canada. The gang of them even pull off the biggest robbery of all, a train heist worth \$3,000,000. They do it all without hurting anyone and with the utmost southern hospitality.

The Newton Boys isn't just about back-and-forth robberies and "country boy" antics. Each character's personality and conflicts light up the screen with charisma. All of these guys are hilarious to watch and have their own doubts and reservations about their "honest" job. (Most prominently in the movie, Willis Newton is constantly forced to choose between a life of crime and the love of a good woman, Louisa, well played by ER's Julianna Margulies.)

The film is also a great homage to the west and the 1920's. The life and times of this setting burst to life in every detail, right down to the snazy costumes and luxurious cars. The movie looks like it could be an old "spaghetti western," but it isn't... not in any way is it. That's the appeal of *The Newton Boys*.

It's a great "period history" movie from an unlikely source, the typical "Gen-X" director - Linklater. There isn't a lot of gunslinging or big suspense, but the stellar cast makes up for it. Matthew McConaughey is dashingly cool and slick as the cocky Willis Newton. Ethan Hawke finally brightens up and has fun in a movie, sticky moustache and all (as compared to his last two somber features, *Great Expectations* and *Gattaca*). The famous Scream killer, Skeet Ulrich, really grows into the reluctant little-brother role and *Men in Black*'s Vincent D'Onofrio is a hilarious tough-guy thug. Even TV star Julianna Margulies pulls off a good performance amidst the hot shot cast.

The Newton Boys is a just-plain-"fun" movie. Sure it may not have archvillains, huge action, or twirling ".45's", but it's the characters that make the movie. It's a treat alone to get such a great, young cast on screen together with all the history behind the story. This is a great movie to just sit down and relax to. It's one of those you walk out of the theater smiling about because of its good 'ole, "I reckon" western fun. I highly recommend *The Newton Boys* for anyone who wants an interesting (and true) story full of colorful characters, or for anyone who downright wants to be entertained. So saddle-up, y'all, and head outta here to see it now.

